



Correspondence

Dead end Socialism

Mr. Broadbent was both eloquent and persuasive in his recent speech at York. However, if we carefully examine his stand on Petrocan we see that it is based solely on ideology and not on a practical consideration of what is best for the country as a whole.

Broadbent claims that Petrocan would enable Canada to act on its own energy priorities, especially the need for more oil exploration. It is true that with its muddle energy policy, the previous Liberal government chased many of the drillers out of Canada; however, the government already has the power to induce and compel oil companies to carry out its priorities. This requires legislation and the process is public. Programs set up by Crown Corporations do not necessarily require legislation and may come about without public scrutiny. The government should be required to defend its policies in Parliament. It should not be able to hide behind the supposed autonomy of a Crown Corporation.

Mr. Broadbent's main point is that the government is going to give away a company which makes money for all of us. No one is suggesting that we give away Petrocan. The government wants to sell Petrocan and make a profit by doing so. The proceeds of the sale and the future taxes from the

company will benefit all Canadians. As long as we sell Petrocan to Canadians, future profits will stay in Canada.

How does Broadbent propose to expand Petrocan in the retail marketplace? We don't need more gas stations in Canada. Would small businessmen be forced out of the market, or would their operations be nationalized?

Mr. Broadbent's policy boils down to socialist ideology. If an enterprise is profitable, the state should take it over and realize the profits. In this, the oil industry is no different to any other. This nation has been built upon free enterprise guided by government policy. Broadbent's socialist vision of the future will lead us nowhere.

James Carlisle

Transport Jerusalem

All this fuss about moving the embassy to Jerusalem is nothing short of sheer stupidity. And the people who are creating it are FOOLS!

I'm not condemning the Arabs or the Israelis. They both have reasonable arguments. The Israelis only ask for the recognition of Jerusalem for what it is—the de facto capital. The Arabs protest on the principle that, by international agreement, the Israelis do not have the right to be in all of that city. I sympathize with both sides.

What I object to is Canada blundering in like it did. If Joe Clark had had any sense he would have kept his mouth shut. However, since he didn't, we should be making the best of a unique opportunity to raise Canada's somewhat tarnished status as an impartial international peace maker.

The advantage of distance gives us the chance to view the matter freed from the emotions which cloud rational thinking. If Clark hadn't been pandering after Jewish votes in the election,

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Ordinarily an excess of money at year's end would be cause for elation. But in the case of York's extraordinary surplus of \$1.4 million, the events surrounding that finding have soured the community's feelings and given rise to questions that ought to be loudly put forth.

If you'll remember, last winter saw yet another annual round of painful preparations for a projected income this year that would not keep pace with the rate of inflation. Once again we were faced with the prospect of growing class sizes, less student-teacher contact, and fewer new books in the library.

At the same time, unbeknownst to the community which nervously kept watch on the proceedings, York's coffers were not depleting at the rate anticipated by previous predictions. Additional income was coming in and various departments were spending less than they had anticipated. Yet there was no information given that this build up in funds was occurring. Not until after the cuts for this year were finally agreed upon was the surplus announced. Bob Hope should have such timing.

Why, we ask, wasn't the accumulating surplus, or as it is known in the language of bureaucrats, the "improved situation", made known to the community last winter? Chief

budget officer George Bell has an answer. He says it wasn't revealed because he himself had no awareness of what was developing.

York's main budget planner totally unaware of a million and half much needed dollars? This we find hard to swallow. More likely is the explanation that public knowledge of extra money would have heated up the situation involving those who were reluctantly paring away at this year's plans, and those facing dismissal. What dean would want to consider dismissing faculty and staff members if it was believed that money would be left over to keep them on for another year? What employee would accept a pink slip?

Surely a competent administration must have had some inkling that the budget was going to be out of whack by \$1.4 million. Periodic reports are submitted to Bell tallying income and expenditures which can be compared with previous years' financial statements.

As always, the administration's answers are rarely satisfactory. Their official overseer, the Board of Governors, is nothing but a rubber stamp, and the Board's Finance Committee, which meets with Bell, confers behind closed doors. The treatment of the surplus by the administration surely indicates how tightly those doors are sealed.

Student Federation Notes

Homecoming is scheduled for October 13, and the Student Federation is sponsoring York-Fest, a dance in Bethune Dining Hall after the York-Waterloo Football game. The Dining Hall, patio, Junior Common Room and JACS will all be licensed to accommodate over 500 people. An oom-pa-pah band will entertain, come out and enjoy the festivities.

Starting October 1, 1979 the Federation will be co-ordinating a Student Security Force on campus. Supported generally by the University the Federation, and most student governments on campus, the security will attempt to ensure safety at night on campus and attempt to

reduce the tens of thousands of dollars in senseless vandalism. Application forms can be picked up in 105 Central Square and all positions are paid ones.

This week's Federation Film Classic is *Clockwork Orange*, which will be shown in Curtis Lecture Hall L 8:00 p.m. Thursday. Every Thursday the Federation will sponsor a movie night. Admission is \$1.75 for Federation members and \$2.00 for others.

As well as sponsoring the "Imaginus Poster Sale" last week in Central Square, the Federation is sponsoring a Speed Reading Course offered by MEM Communication Services. Next Wednesday there will be a

registration table in Central Square.

The Federation Typing Service, in Room 105F Central Square, is open for business from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday to Sunday.

All clubs or anyone interested in forming a new club can now register in the Federation office. This permits usage of space and \$25 in duplication costs. Ask for George Karayannides.

As you can see, the Federation services are slowly expanding and improving. If you have any ideas or suggestions, drop into the office and let us know.

Keith Smockum

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